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TAGS: PFOR, EFIS, MX, US

SUBJECT: US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: DREYFUSS/THOMPSON TELECON: SEPT 11;

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1. PLEASE DELIVER TO FOREIGN SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES THE  
FOLLOWING REPLY TO HIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 10 URGING  
THE US TO SIGN THE FISHERIES AGREEMENT:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA I RECEIVED YOUR  
LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 10 CONCERNING OUR NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS  
CONCLUDING A FISHERIES AGREEMENT. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU  
THAT I CONSIDER THIS AGREEMENT OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE,  
AND AM AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF  
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UNDUE DELAY. FOR THAT REASON, I HAVE GIVEN THIS MATTER MY

CLOSE PERSONAL ATTENTION, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE  
TO GIVE YOU A REPLY VERY SOON.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN NEW YORK  
DURING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WITH BEST REGARDS,  
SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE RECEIVED THE COPY OF THE  
NOTE POUCHED SEPTEMBER 14, THE INFORMAL TRANSLATION READS  
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

AS YOU KNOW ON THE 6TH OF AUGUST 1976 NEGOTIATIONS  
WERE COMPLETED IN NEW YORK ON A FISHING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE SURPLUS  
CATCH TO WHICH AMERICAN FISHING BOATS WOULD HAVE ACCESS  
IN THE MEXICAN ECONOMIC ZONE. THE NEGOTIATORS OF BOTH  
COUNTRIES AGREED ON THE SAME TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AS  
WELL AS TO THE ANNEX AND APPENDICES.

AS UNDER SECRETARY JORGE CASTENADA TOLD YOU  
PERSONALLY ON THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER, IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
MY INSTRUCTIONS, MY GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED  
BECAUSE THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. MEXICO  
HAS ABSTAINED FROM APPLYING ITS LAW, SINCE ITS ENTRY  
INTO FORCE ON THE 31ST OF JULY, WITH RESPECT TO THE  
AMERICAN BOATS THAT FISH IN THE ZONE, IN ORDER TO GIVE  
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT AND TO  
UNDERTAKE THE ACCOMPANYING ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES THAT  
ARE REQUIRED FOR ITS APPLICATION. TOO MUCH DELAY IN  
APPLYING THE LAW WOULD CREATE A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US.  
AMONG OTHER REASONS THERE WOULD BE AN UNFAVORABLE EFFECT  
ON PUBLIC OPINION, PARTICULARLY SINCE A PARALLEL AND  
EQUAL AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH CUBA ENTERED INTO FORCE AND  
HAS BEEN APPLIED NORMALLY SINCE THE END OF JULY 1976.

FOR MY GOVERNMENT, THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT  
NEGOTIATED WITH THE US ARE EQUITABLE AND SATISFACTORY  
AND WE UNDERSTAND THEY WERE ALSO CONSIDERED TO BE SO BY  
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THE US OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.  
WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RENEGOTIATE THE TERMS SINCE  
WE HAVE ACCEPTED THEM AS A RESULT OF LONG AND DIFFICULT  
NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED OUT WITH COMPLETE GOOD FAITH AND ON  
THE BASIS OF MUTUAL CONCESSION. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
LACKING A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE US WOULD LEAVE US  
WITH NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN TO FIND IT NECESSARY TO  
APPLY OUR LAW WITH RESPECT TO AMERICAN BOATS. AS YOU

UNDERSTAND, MR. SECRETARY, THIS COULD PROVOKE A SERIOUS  
CONFLICTIVE SITUATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I WISH, THEREFORE, TO INFORM YOU OF THE INTEREST  
MY GOVERNMENT TAKES IN THIS MATTER AND TO ASK FOR YOUR  
VALUABLE AND EFFECTIVE PERSONAL INTERVENTION TOWARD  
FINDING A QUICK SOLUTION.

I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REITERATE TO YOU THE  
EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL  
ESTEEM. SINCERELY, ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES. UNQUOTE.

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